

Remarks

In its decision, the Board of Appeals reversed the rejection of claims 44 and 45 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,991,605 to Keritsis (“Keritsis”), and affirmed the rejection of claims 30, 41 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Keritsis.

Claims 28 and 29 were not on appeal since they were objected to as depending from a rejected claim.

In response, Applicants canceled claims 41 and 43, and amended claims 28, 44 and 45 to be independent claims by incorporating into each claim the limitations of claim 41. Applicants also amended claim 30 to depend from allowable claim 44. Applicants also amended claim 28 to correct obvious grammatical errors. All of the pending claims should now be in condition for allowance.

Allowance of claims 28, 29, 30, 44, and 45, as amended, is respectfully requested.

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